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SUBJECT: MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT IN THE ARTS

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1. IN VIEW OF REFTEL AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MINCULT AND GOSK, BELIEVE MOST EFFECTIVE FORMAT FOR SOVIET PARTICIPATION IS TWO IV GRANTS SEPARATE FROM MULTI-REGIONAL PROGRAM. THIS WOULD AVOID DISADVANTAGES OF SOVIET PRESENCE IN PROGRAM WITH SUCH VARIED COMPOSITION. IT WOULD SIDESTEP PROBLEM OF KOKONIN'S LIMITED ENGLISH-FACILITY AND PERMIT AN INDIVIDUALLY-DESIGNED PROGRAM IN WHICH KOKONIN AND BUTROVA WOULD TRAVEL TOGETHER FOR IN-DEPTH EXPOSURE TO CURRENT TRENDS IN US ADMINISTRATION IN THE ARTS AND THE AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS SCENE. THIS BROADER PURPOSE WOULD BE JUSTIFICATION FOR GRANTS, RATHER THAN VIEWING FUTURE PAGES, BUT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SEEING PROPOSED COMPANIES IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERALL US ARTS TRENDS WOULD FACILITATE AND SPEED UP ADMINISTRATION OF THE PAG PROGRAM HERE AS WELL.

2. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE WOULD HAVE SIDE EFFECT OF BUTROVA AND KOKONIN, CANDIDATES ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS, BEING AMONG FIRST TO RECEIVE DIRECT INVITATION LETTERS FROM EMBASSY. THIS SHOULD AID IN MAKING NEW IV PROGRAM MORE UNDERSTANDABLE TO MFA.

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3. IF DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ABOVE PROCEDURE, ADVISE AND
SEND GRANT DETAILS. WE THEN WILL ISSUE INVITATION LETTERS
AND SUBMIT MORE DETAILED PROGRAM PLAN.

4. EXPECTED DATES WOULD BE MID-NOVEMBER FOR THREE WEEKS,
WITH BUTROVA ENDING TRIP IN WASHINGTON AT SOVIET EXPENSE
TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE REVIEW TALKS.
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